



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:)
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Edward A. MCCULLOCH)
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Serial Number: 10/067,847)
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Filed: February 8, 2002)
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For: COMPOSITE BUILDING MATERIAL)
AND PANELS MADE THEREFROM)
:)
Atty. Ref. 115988-00101
Group Art Unit: 3632
Examiner: Kofi A. Schulterbrandt

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(1) **Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

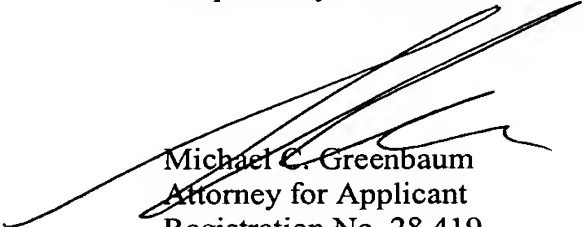
(2) **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-5800.

In order to render the filing of this paper timely, filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2185 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the requisite fee for a small entity. If the Petition for extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (115988-00101).

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